

Mark 10:32 - 45 The TRAINING of the Twelve. True Greatness

The period of withdrawal has ended. He heads toward Jerusalem where He has said He will die

³² They were on the road going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took the

amazed at His resolution to go to where He has spoken of as the place of suffering and death.

a first for the 12. They have never shown fear before now

twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him, ³³ saying, "Behold, we are going up to

He comforts them by assuring them that He knows all that will happen. all is under control. all is God's will.

Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be ^{"betrayed"} delivered to the chief

priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death

and will hand Him over to the Gentiles. ^{"betrayal"} ³⁴ They will mock Him

and spit on Him, and scourge Him and kill Him, and three

days later He will rise again." Luke 18:34

³⁵ James and John, the two sons of Zebedee, *came up to Jesus, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever

Matt. 20:20 says that they approached Him through Salome their mother who was also Mary's sister. An aunt appealing for the 2 cousins.

we ask of You." ³⁶ And He said to them, "What do you want He asks for the terms.

Spoken as a true servant. what you would expect from one who would perform vv 33-34.

Me to do for you?" ³⁷ They said to Him, "Grant that we may

sit, one on Your right and one on Your left, in Your glory." ³⁸

She asks for position and glory for her sons.

But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are

asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be

Here is the price demanded for true exaltation and Greatness.

baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹ They

said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup

that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with

the baptism with which I am baptized. ⁴⁰ But to sit on My

i.e. "Judgment": To be seen as an enemy of God

i.e. death

James would be beheaded (Acts 12) John would be immolated on Patmos.

right or on My left, this is not Mine to give; but it is for those

for whom it has been prepared."

i.e. by the Father.

Christ does not hand out perks for lobbyists and family members.

⁴¹ Hearing this, the ten began to feel indignant with James

and John. ⁴² Calling them to Himself, Jesus *said to them,

their request arouses jealousy.

Another intimate conversation.

"You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the

"You are longing after what you most desire in others."

they like position and power

Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise

authority over them. ⁴³ But it is not this way among you, but

whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your

diakonos: a servant of one

servant; ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be

slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be

doulos: a slave of All

served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

And here is your example

Not Great men of the world

but of Christ... the greatest man... from heaven.